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New health fee looms

Past premiums cost Albertans hundreds annually, each



Jeremy **Nolais** Metro | Calgary

Pitching a remedy to get Alberta's finances on track, Premier Jim Prentice says a new health-care fee will be included in Alberta's 2015 budget.

In a taped televised speech Tuesday night, Prentice said he would take bold steps to reel in costs and wean the province off its dependence on energy revenues.

But he said that won't be enough, as Alberta stares down a potential shortfall in excess of \$20 billion over the next

"This is not just about controlling costs," he said. "As I've emphasized tonight, we also need to get our program expenditures off their energy revenue roller-coaster and make our revenues more secure.

"As one key example, when we present our new budget, we will be asking Albertans to begin to contribute directly to the costs of the health system. This revenue will start small but grow over three years."

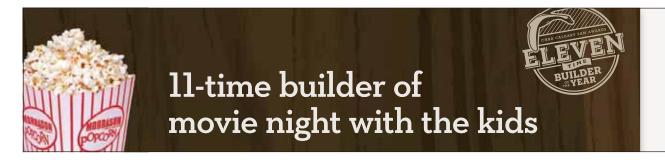
Past Alberta Health data indicates the province took in \$1 billion annually in health-care premiums before they were abolished by former premier Ed Stelmach in 2009. At the time, the premiums cost \$1,056 per family and single Albertans paid \$528. Some workers, however, had all or a portion of the levy covered by employers.

SEE PAGE 14 FOR MORE COVERAGE OF THE PREMIER'S SPEECH



Drop in gas prices hurts cabbies

Khalid Javed, a driver with Checker Yellow Cabs, says the city's plan to give customers reduced meter rates because of low gas prices will make it harder for him to earn a decent living. See story, page 6. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO



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#WarrantWednesday is a huge success, police say

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Hashtag used to alert public of dangerous criminals



Morgan Modjeski Metro|Calgary

It's a high-tech wanted poster that can be carried around in your pocket.

Officials with the Calgary Police Service (CPS) say they've been having success with the #WarrantWednesday hashtag, informing the public about potentially dangerous criminals.

According to Const. Mark Smith, a digital communications officer with the Calgary police, the link to the Crime Stoppers most-wanted list shared via the local #Warrant-Wednesday hashtag has been clicked on more than 10,000 times in just over a year.

"The reaction has been really positive," he said. "We've actually got a lot of information and tips that have actually come through to us and we've been able to pass that along to Crime Stoppers."

The CPS doesn't take information about crimes over social media, but they encourage those responding to relay the information directly to the



Digital communications officer Const. Mark Smith says the Calgary Police Service has received a "really positive" reaction to its use of the #WarrantWednesday hashtag. CONTRIBUTED

anonymous tip line.

However, Smith said police turn over the tips to ensure valuable information doesn't go to waste.

"We can never do this job successfully without the help of the community, so any way that we can continue to get information from people definitely helps us out," he said.

Calgary police are in good company on the #WarrantWednesday feed, as police agencies from across Canada and the United States have also taken advantage of the hashtag.

Terry Hathaway, executive director of the Calgary Crime Stoppers Association, said the social media campaign's It's all about sharing the information

Terry Hathaway, executive director of the Calgary Crime Stoppers Association

importance goes beyond receiving tips.

Due to the fact all Crime Stoppers tips are reported anonymously, Hathaway said they can't determine what promotions are resulting in incoming tips, but said year-to-date in 2015, they've had 69 tips on wanted individuals resulting in six cases being cleared.

Last year, the crime fighting organization saw 292 wanted tips, resulting in 150 cases being cleared, many of which were rooted its in wanted lists.

"The more familiarity that people have with the program, either at the CPS or the Crime Stoppers program, it gives them confidence in the fact that reporting crime is something that they should be comfortable with and should be encouraged to do."

"It's all about sharing the information."

Ranging from bylaw offences to major crimes, more than 7,600 warrants have been issued in Calgary since the beginning of 2015.



Calgary's isn't the only media-savvy police force

Although there are thousands of warrants issued every year, Const. Mark Smith said only those who have committed serious crimes will make the mostwanted list.

And while the topic is a serious one, it's not unusual for the CPS to accommodate the viral and shareable nature of the Internet by weaving in a more lighthearted tone to some of their tweets.

For example, Smith tweeted on March 18: "It's nice to be wanted but not this wanted!" along with a link to the top criminals on the Crime Stoppers list.

The week before, he wrote: "The famous #WarrantWednesday list is not one to be proud of if you're on it!"

And it's not just Calgary police that have been seeing success with #Warrant-Wednesday hashtag. Other agencies in Canada and the U.S. are also taking part.

Last week, the official Twitter account for the police department in Columbia, Mo., posted: "Help us keep Columbia streets safer and check out our Most Wanted! #WarrantWednesday."

Likewise, the police department in Bryan, Texas has been urging followers to contact them or local Crime Stoppers with weekly posts of its "Top 10 Most Wanted" using the #WarrantWednesday hashtag.



School lockdown ends after gun scare

A lockdown at Bishop O'Byrne High School in Calgary was resolved without incident Tuesday after two teenagers entered the building with what initially appeared to be a firearm.

The call came into police around 12:45 p.m. after three youth were observed standing by a loading dock in the 300 block of Shawville Blvd. SE with what police said looked like a semi-automatic handgun but turned out to be an Airsoft gun.

Transit and District 8 members managed to locate one of the males at a nearby



Transit and District 8 members managed to locate one of the males at a nearby LRT station

Det. Jack Russell

LRT station, who actually said it was BB gun, but until we confirmed that, we had to treat it as a real weapon," said Det. Jack Russell.



Guy Huntingford, CEO of UDI Calgary, described the trend toward inner-city development as "encouraging," but said the city and developers will need to increasingly work together to make it sustainable. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO FILE

Built-up areas saw 30% of growth in '14

Population expansion exceeded city's urban targets



Robson **Fletcher** Metro | Calgary

Thirty per cent of Calgary's population growth last year happened in already built-up areas, easily exceeding the city's target of 21 per cent for urban expansion in established communities that were actually losing population a decade ago.

Coun. Brian Pincott said growth patterns have seen a significant shift" since 2005, when the same built-up areas were losing residents at a rate equivalent to five per cent of Calgary's population growth.

At that time, new growth "was almost exclusively in the single-family suburban form,' Pincott said, something the city set out to change with the municipal development plan (MDP) adopted in 2009, after a fair degree of controversy and debate over urban-density issues.

"We heard all along from industry that Calgarians don't want this," Pincott said. "Now we're actually finding out that Calgarians do want it.'

Calgary is already well on pace to hit the MDP target of 33-per-cent growth in established areas by 2039, noted Guy Huntingford, CEO of UDI Calgary, the main advocacy group for the city's development industry.

"Obviously the question is can you reach 33 per cent and sustain it year after year?" he said in an email to Metro.

The city and industry "must work together to ensure that the infrastructure and zoning is conducive to maintaining year after year increases that FOR EXAMPLE

Currie Barracks project

Pincott, whose Ward 11 is home to the proposed Currie Barracks redevelopment, noted the project will come to the Calgary Planning Commission next week and is set to come before council in May for the final go-ahead.

"That's looking at another 12,000 (people),"

meet the MDP goal," Hunting-

Family didn't consent to senior's removal

An advocacy group is accusing an Edmonton care home of transferring a woman to a hospital without her family's consent.

Public Interest Alberta says the Good Samaritan Millwoods Care Centre left a voicemail for the woman's sister and banned another family member from the facility for complaining about

The government needs to step in and make sure there is a proper ...

> process Bill Moore-Kilgannon

of power." He wants Alberta Health Services to make sure the woman is allowed to return to the Millwoods care centre, where she has lived for five years.

the quality of care.

Bill Moore-Kilgannon, a

spokesman for Public Interest

Alberta, says institutions should

not be allowed to arbitrarily evict

"The government needs to

step in and make sure that there

is a proper independent process

that allows patients and their

families to stand up to this abuse

patients and ban relatives.

Alberta Health Services says it will work with the family to determine what's best for the woman, other residents and staff. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rally will protest police shooting

POLICE SHOOTING

Victim's family plans to attend event billed as non-violent

A rally protesting the actions of Calgary police in the shooting death of 27-year-old Anthony Heffernan is being organized

According to the Cop Block Calgary Facebook page, the rally, which is set to start at the Calgary Courts Centre at 11:30 a.m., will be protesting against what it referred to as the "brutal and fatal actions that officers choose to take when dealing with situations such as this one."

A Calgary resident with aspirations to go back to university and obtain an engineering degree, Heffernan was shot and killed by police in a room of a Super 8 Motel in the city's northeast on March 16.

Now, the Heffernan family has a number of specific questions they want answered by the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team investigation into Anthony's death.

Grant Heffernan, Anthony's brother, said the family plans to attend the rally.

"While we did not organize this event, we will attend and are extremely grateful for the support," he said, calling these types of rallies "extremely important" when it comes to raising awareness.

"The community is taking notice of the story," he added in a phone interview Tuesday. "They are demanding the same answers that we (are).'

Participants in the rally plan to march from the Calgary Courts Centre to city hall before returning to the starting point.

In the event listing, organizers are asking for a peaceful, non-violent protest.
Grant said violence is "the

last thing that we want."

"We just want a peaceful, respectful rally to occur," he said. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO



Anthony Heffernan CONTRIBUTED

Wildrose takes aim at overspending



The Wildrose opposition is calling out the government for so called "March Madness" spending

Government spending surged dramatically last March as departments hit the end of their fiscal year, according to documents released by the official opposition party.

Wildrose leader Heather Forsyth said the \$104 million spent in March of 2014 is a clear sign the government is not changing its ways.

"I thought we were kind of changing and people assumed in government it is not always best to spend like drunken sailors," she said.

Forsyth listed several purchases she deemed troubling that were completed as the fiscal year wound down. They include \$80,000 for new legislature chairs, \$28,000 in park benches and almost \$10,000 for new china for the premier's

She said departments seem to conclude any money that can be spent should be spent.

"Just because you have a little bit of money at the end of the month doesn't mean you go out and spend it all," she said.

In question period, Finance Minister Robin Campbell said the government was watching every penny and no department was exceeding its budget.

"Each ministry is accountability to the legislature and the public for their expenses," he said.

Premier Jim Prentice also said there was no high-end china in his office.

"I can assure the honourable member that the only china in my office is cardboard and it says Tim Hortons on the side."



It is not always best to spend like drunken sailors

> Wildrose Leader **Heather Forsyth**

CROWDFUNDING

\$30,000 raised to help construct trail

A crowdfunding effort aimed at raising \$100,000 to connect Calgary to the Cochrane Trail (C to Č Trail) is well on

According to a press release from the group organizing the effort, they've already raised \$30,000 of its \$100,000 goal in just 30 days.

The funds will be used to construct the Bearspaw Trail, which will provide a key link from Cochrane to northwest

We're very excited by the momentum of the C to C Trail campaign so far," said Susan de Caen, executive director

of the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation.

"We knew that this project would get people involved from all walks of life."

The foundation now has 99 days to raise the remaining \$60,000 required to build C to C Trail, an effort that has been underway since late February.

The group hopes to build 2.2 kilometres of trail, calling on both Calgary and Cochrane residents to pitch for the project.

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of stolen tool set sought

The Calgary Police Service is looking for the owners of stolen property recovered from a northeast garage after the execution of a search warrant on March

According to a release from Calgary police, at roughly 9 p.m. officers searched a detached garage in the 100 block of Whitehorn Road

Inside, officers located roughly \$25,000 in stolen goods, much of which is believed to have been stolen from break-and-enters at shops and industrial compounds.

The recovered property includes saws, grinders, battery chargers, staple guns and a number of other pieces of construction equipment and tools.

Anyone with information about the stolen property or who believes their property was recently stolen is asked to contact Čalgary police at 1-403-428-6600.

A link to more photos of the recovered items can be found at metronews.ca. MFTRO



Do these tools look familiar? These are just some of the tools recovered by the Calgary Police Service. CONTRIBUTED

Passengers hopping into cabs could soon fork over less for a ride, as city gas prices have lowered an index used to set meter rates in the city. METRO FILE

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ECONOMY

Cost of doing business down, but so are customer levels



Jeremy Nolais Metro | Calgary

Even Calgarians who don't rely on their own wheels to get around could soon benefit from reduced prices at the

Cab rates in the city are set using a cost index that takes into account things like gas prices, vehicle-maintenance costs and fair wages. The reduced charge for a litre of fuel in recent months has seen that index plummet 5.7

"To me, it only seems fair," said Sandy Jenkins with consumer advocacy group Voters for Taxis. "If the costs (to run a cab) are lower, then the fare should be lower."

According to Gasbuddy. com, the average price at city gas stations Tuesday was 93.8 cents per litre; one year ago at this time, the rate was 122.2 cents per litre.

The report could prompt the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC), which advises city council, to recommend a 5.7 per cent reduction to city cab fares. Such a move would all but dissolve an 8.1 per cent meter-rate increase that took effect in Oc-

Currently, cab customers pay an initial \$3.80 when they hop in and then an additional 20 cents for every 121 metres travelled. Thus, a 10-kilometre ride costs \$20.27.

A Metro analysis in the fall found city cab rates were average when compared to other Canadian metropolitan cities.

If the costs (to run a cab) are lower, then the fare should be lower

Sandy Jenkins of consumer advocacy group Voters for Taxis

But cabbies like Khalid Javed say it's becoming harder to make ends meet and that a meter-rate reduction would only accelerate the struggle. The Checker Yellow Cab driver said the economic downturn has steered many customers toward other methods of travel.

"I'm not happy; (the) gas price is down, business is down, the economy is down everything's down," he said. "Before, I was booking about \$300 a day, and now it's \$200. On average I lose \$100 (per day)."

Man shot by RCMP left in serious condition

A man was in hospital with potentially life-threatening injuries after he was shot Monday by at least one Mountie in a community south of Edmonton.

RCMP say no officers were injured in the morning shooting in Wetaskiwin.

Police say Mounties were responding to a call at an apartment complex when at least one officer fired at a man and wounded him.

An air-ambulance official said that the man, 40, was flown to an Edmonton hospital and was in serious condition.

Witness Lorne Conklin, who lives across the parking lot, said a man who ap-

peared to be armed with a bow and arrow kept walking in and out of a ground-floor apartment.

Conklin said the man appeared to be in a standoff with a few Mounties, who had their guns drawn.

"I heard one police member say he threatened to shoot at them at one point,"

Conklin said.

"They had warned him to drop his weapon several times. I heard the shots and I saw him fall to the ground."

Members of the Alberta government's Serious Incident Response Team are investigating, along with RCMP major-crimes officers.

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Mean Tweets shows cyberbullyugliness

High schoolers read aloud tweets from high schoolers



Anna Brooks Metro | Calgary

The harsh reality of cyber bullying is unveiled as Calgary students read real tweets on-camera for an anti-bullying video called Teens Read Mean Tweets.

"Why are you even alive? Kill yourself. You're a waste

This is a mild example of one the tweets read — more extreme posts contained profanity, racial slurs, and sexually violent content.

All these tweets were sent by Calgary high school students.

Aqurii Harvey, a Grade 12 student at Bishop McNally High School, said she chose to participate in the video because of her own experiences with bullying. With the prevalence of cyberbullying in high-school communities, Harvey said spreading awareness about the issue is critical.

"I used to get teased a lot back home in Barbados, so I know what it's like," Harvey said. "The tweets were pretty harsh and some of them really hit home. But I think it's good to get the message out there."

Fellow McNally student Joseph Suarez was also in the video, and said one of the scariest things about cyber bullying is the anonymity.

"On the web you can be whoever you want to be. You can say whatever you want, and no one can do anything about it,"



Bishop McNally High School students Aqurii Harvey, left, and Joseph Suarez talk about the graphic nature of some the tweets sent out by online bullies. Harvey and Suarez participated in Teens Read Mean Tweets, an anti-bullying campaign video. ANNA BROOKS / METRO

Suarez said. "As teens we laugh about teasing each other, but sometimes we don't realize how real it is."

Jordon Lawson, a media-production professional with WAX Partnership Inc., worked in conjunction with Bishop McNally to produce the video, and said he spent days hunting down real tweets circulating in Calgary the students could read.

While the selected tweets weren't directed specifically at the students who participated in the video, Lawson said many of the students were taken aback by the content they had to read aloud.

"We wanted to get genuine reactions, so we didn't let any of the kids see the tweets beforehand," Lawson explained.

"The reactions were very real it was really tough for a few of the kids to get through it because some of the comments were similar to ones directed at them in the past.'

Lawson said the premise for the video is based on Jimmy Kimmel's segment called "Celebrities Read Mean Tweets."

Bishop McNally drama teacher Krista Willott said, despite the hilarity of Kimmel's spin on the social-media sarcasm, the callous nature of the online content is disconcerting.

"We laugh about celebrity mean tweets, but the things people are saying are really nasty," Willott said. "Not only are these real tweets, but they're tweets from students in Calgary. There's bullying, and then there's this. It just goes one step further."

Young Calgary heart patient celebrates life at Marit Cup

Lives lost and lives saved were celebrated Tuesday at the third annual Marit Cup student-teacher hockey game held at Canada Olympic Park.

In honour of Marit McKenzie, a student from Calgary Christian School (CCS) who passed away in January 2013, the event serves to spread awareness about organ donation and raise money for the David Foster Foundation.

Amber Kellar made use of the foundation's services when her

five-year-old son Curtis underwent a heart transplant last fall. With two other children and her husband off work to help full-time with Curtis, Kellar said without the support of the foundation her family would have

"They were able to help us with hotels, expenses and our lost income," Kellar said. "Curtis has been sick his whole life, and it was so great to have help like this on our journey to get him

a heart transplant."

Marit's father Bruce McKenzie said with the growing community support he sees each year, he hopes Calgarians are learning the importance of organ donation.

You don't think a tragedy is going to happen, but when it does, donating is the last thing on your mind," McKenzie said. "One of our goals as a family is to see Canada have a national registry for organ donation." ANNA BROOKS/METRO



Curtis Kellar, 5, is recovering quickly after his heart transplant operation last fall. ANNA BROOKS / METRO

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Calgary's 311 service has received 11,040,434 calls since it launched nearly a decade ago. The service will celebrate its 10th anniversary on May 18.

54

The number of 311 agents currently on staff in the winter. This grows by another 20 to 30 agents who are hired on a seasonal basis during the peak call-volume months of March to September.

15.7%

The proportion of 311 calls that callers while waiting to speak with an operator. The city's target level is seven per cent.

76%

The proportion of a 311 operator's shift spent on the phone, talking with Calgarians in 2014. That's up from 73% in 2013.

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311 operators answered a total of 1,001,134 calls last year. That's actually down 10% from the 1,188,308 answered



One of Calgary's many graffitied walls. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

311 tweaks help raise graffitire porting

New option on app enables citizens to snap, report street art

The City of Calgary is noticing a rampant game of tag when it comes to reporting graffiti, and representatives from 311 think three key factors are helping cleanup crews scrub away public scribbles faster.

A heat map provided by the city shows a 50 per cent rise in graffiti service requests with the city's centre being a hot zone.

COMING

App options

In May, the 311 app will include a number of new menu options for service requests including long grass along major roadway, long grass on private property and parks irrigation concerns.

The requests then branch out along transit lines to each of the city's quadrants. This is largely thanks to a trifecta of a proactive cataloguing "cleanup approach," the introduction of a graffitispecific option on the 311 app menu, and an individual previously reported on by Metro: Dr G.

Calgary's 311 manager Clarke Bellamy said the app began including graffiti in March 2014. Out of their 2014 service requests on the app, graffiti took second place with over 3,400 requests out of 23,336. Out of all graffiti requests, about 23 per cent came in through the app and five per cent came in through the web, which doesn't include emails.

"The app allows citizens not just to describe the graffiti, but to take a photo," Bellamy said. 'We have seen a significant increase in adoption (for the app)."

He also mentioned the crews

on the field ridding the streets of graffiti with suds and scrubs have a mandate to catalogue any unreported "art" they find on the job. This is giving the city

and Calgary police a database of information, including photos and geo-locations, to help charge individuals and keep track of "problem areas" or any growth in the city's graffiti catalogue.

"They recorded 2,624 service requests last year.... In 2013 they proactively generated 731 service requests," Bellamy said. "If they're there on the field to clean up the graffiti on the street, well maybe they're going to clean it up on another city asset at the same time." HELEN PIKE/METRO

311 hit by deluge of calls in 2014

Calgary's 311 operators answered 44.7 per cent of calls within 30 seconds last year, falling well below the city's 80 per cent target for speedy phone pickups.

It's something Clarke Bellamy, the city's manager of 311, attributed largely to the two big snowfalls - one in January, the other in September — that struck the city last

Nearly 3,000 calls an hour were coming in at one point on Sept. 10, Bellamy said, as the freak snowfall downed branches citywide. That compares to an average daily call volume of 3,200.

Weird weather events aside, a city report notes "call volumes have grown at a steady pace" and resulted in an "inability" to meet targets with the current staff.

Three new full-time 311 operator positions are to be added each year from 2015 to 2018 to help meet the demand.

The city is also encouraging people to make 311 requests via the web or the city's mobile 311 app, which Bellamy said is not only easier for city staff to process, but faster for citizens, too.

"On the web or the app, there's zero wait time," he said.

The average length of a 311 call last year was three minutes and 41 seconds, up 19 seconds from 2013.

In total, 311 operators created 471,902 service requests in 2014, compared to 64,538 created directly by citizens using the website and 23,366 via the mobile app, according to city data.

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Casinos hurtschool system: candidates

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Trustee contenders oppose casino **fundraising**



Jeremy **Nolais** Metro | Calgary

Candidates vying for a vacant city school trustee seat say parent-run casino fundraisers aren't fair and it may be time to roll the dice on a streamlined method to fund student programs and classroom technology.

Both Karen Lloyd, the former head of an education advocacy group, and school executive Victoria Morgan say they've spent their fair share of time carting poker chips around in the name of better outfitting their kids to learn.

Even still, both mothers believe the process creates a twotier system that sees schools where parents have time to organize fundraisers that are able to offer their students more when it comes to technology and programming.

You've got this mixture of those that can afford and those that can't," Morgan said. "What are you going to do for the school that can't afford new computers?"

School councils, themselves, are not legally allowed to fundraise, so casinos and other money makers are arranged through separately created parent societies.

Morgan said it's time to "cut the red tape" and move to a sole-funding source.

Lloyd didn't advocate directly for abolishing casinos, but said she had little favour for such





Calgary Board of Education trustee byelection candidates Karen Lloyd, top, and Victoria Morgan say there needs to be a better way to fund school programs and technology than casino fundraisers. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

fundraisers.

"When we divert parent attention and energy into fundraising, we burn them out," she "You will see, at the junior high and high school level, parents that used to be really involved with school council and they will say, 'I'm never going back there.

Lloyd said casinos detract from finding a real solution for properly funding schools. She said, too, that she has kids in both the public and Catholic school systems this year - the latter doesn't utilize casinos.

"From what I can see, my Catholic school is not suffering, she said.

Last year, Metro spoke with suburban parents who'd already begun organizing fundraising societies despite the fact that construction hadn't even started on the school in their com-

Lloyd and Morgan are among five vying to represent Wards 11 and 13 on the seven-member CBE trustee board. They will be joined on the April 13 ballot by Julie Hrdlicka, Wilf Phillips and Sean McAsey.

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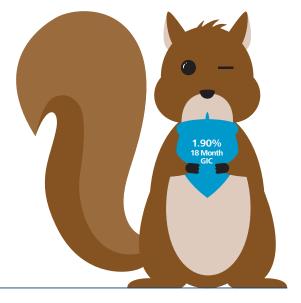
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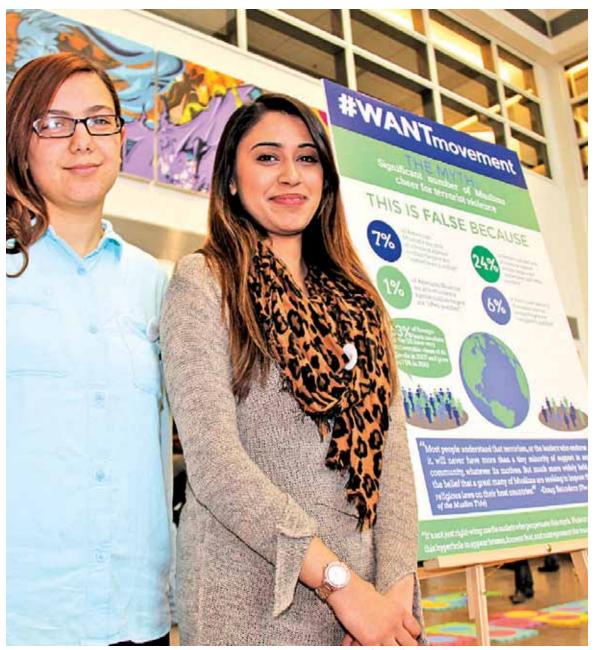
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NEWS

Students seek a new narrative



Maram Saegh, left, and Mehek Syeda, student organizers of the We Are Not Them (WANT) campaign, at Mount Royal University on Tuesday. They hope the campaign will help battle radicalization and misconceptions around the Muslim faith. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

EDUCATION

Misconceptions around Islamic faith, ISIL target of campaign



Morgan Modjeski Metro | Calgary

In a war of words, students at a Calgary university are doing their best to arm their colleagues with educated and accurate in-

Students at Mount Royal University are taking to their campus in hopes of battling misconceptions and stereotypes that the Islamic faith, broadly speaking, is fairly represented by terrorist groups such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Titled the We Are Not Them (WANT) Movement, the event, which runs from March 23 to 27, will feature a number of workshops and seminars educating students about the stark differences between the Islamic faith and those who have taken it hostage under a banner of violence.

'As a Muslim student, I think it's a very important movement to get other students to realize and debunk, really, all these stereotypes around this topic," said Mehek Syeda, one of the students organizing the campaign.

"It was really a narrative to counter these extremisms."

Patti Derbyshire, chairwoman of entrepreneurship, marketing and social innovation at MRU, said the campus is the perfect place for students to establish and re-examine their world views.

"There's no better place than university to really develop and challenge the knowledge and the way you want to be in the world as you come of age," she said.

"We see a lot of adult development and it's a great place to help people decide who they're going to be and how they're go-

ing to look at issues that sometimes the media manipulate but more importantly—these extremists groups are manipulating."

Events occurring as part of the WANT Movement include mobile quizzes on myths surrounding the Muslim community, alongside opportunities to view "peace screenings" featuring poetry and literature from prominent Muslim scholars and leaders.



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Another organizer of the WANT Movement, Maram Saegh said ISIL is constantly targeting university students in recruitment efforts, but notes it's not only Muslim students that are

"It is all Canadian students," she said.

"That's one thing we want to make clear: ISIS (alternate name for ISIL) does not go after just the Muslim religion; they go after the vulnerable person, the person who is looking to belong."

"That's what they feed off," she added. "So there seems to be a lot of confusion around what the Islamic religion involves and what it stands for."

While the physical aspect of WANT Movement will wrap up this Friday, organizers hope it continues to educate students continuously, as information being released through the program is also being posted online.

Party investigator stirs up opposition



Opposition politicians are raising alarms after it was revealed the man who conducted an investigation into a Progressive Conservative nomination was also working for an agency overseen by government.

CBC revealed Tuesday that Gordon Bull was the lead investigator with the Alberta

Motor Vehicle Industry Council (AMVIC) until he resigned on Tuesday, but was also tasked by the PC party to vet candidates and investigate the bribery allegations made in the party's Edmonton-Ellerslie nomination contest.

That investigation cleared sitting MLA Naresh Bhardwaj of any wrongdoing earlier this

The industry council investigates consumer complaints about auto dealers and repair

shops and is overseen by Service Alberta.

Wildrose MLA Rick Strankman said the party should have known better than to have him play two parts.

"It's about optics.... His role within the PC party presents a major conflict of interest," Strankman said.

Laura Lowe, a spokeswoman for AMVIC, said they had received permission to confirm Bull's resignation, but couldn't say anything more.

"What we cannot do and don't have permission to do is talk about any of the circumstances surrounding his employment," she said.

She said the council was not aware of his work with

"AMVIC became aware of a relationship between Gordon Bull and the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta on March, 23, 2015, which was yesterday," she said Tuesday. WITH FILES FROM JEREMY NOLAIS



The investigator who cleared MLA Naresh Bhardwaj, seen here, of any wrongdoing had done previous work with the Progressive Conservatives. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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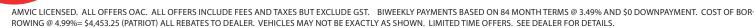


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POLITICS

Premier's prognosis now appears less financially dire



Premier Jim Prentice set pundits' heads swirling with his televised speech Tuesday, as he appeared to walk back an original pledge from his government to cut departmental spending by five per cent.

"The budget starts with the premise that we need to get our costs under control," the premier said in the pre-recorded address.

"And one of the things you will see in this budget, in fact in our projection for the next three budgets, is holding the

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line of government expenditures."

Still, the premier noted that a zeroing of funding still amounts to a cut because it fails to address an additional 80,000 people expected to flood into the province this year alone.

But it was a less dire financial forecast than one offered in February by Finance Minister Robin Campbell, who said the province's plan was to slash spending by five percent, a move that would save \$2 billion.

Word of the cut stirred sharp reaction from union representatives and advocates alike — the Alberta Teachers' Association, for example, predicted 2,500 educator positions would be lost.

After watching Prentice's speech, association president Mark Ramsankar said it appears Campbell's warning was intended to "soften everybody."

SPENDING

Energy revenues

Beginning in 2018-19, the percentage of provincial energy revenues going to program spending will decrease to 75 per cent and that amount will dip to 50 per cent the following year, according to Premier Jim Prentice.

Heritage Fund

By 2019-20, 25 per cent of energy revenues will be invested back into the provincial Heritage Fund. "Over

"It's regular PC strategy — paint the gloom and doom and come back and say it's going to be bad, but not as bad as it was," he said, later adding, "We're still going to be losing a fair number of teachers in the province."

There were also fears from

time," an even greater share of energy revenues — 50 per cent — will be devoted to the fund, the premier said.

Budget

Prentice said his 10-year fiscal plan, to be rolled out alongside Thursday's budget, will have Alberta's books balanced by 2017 even if oil prices don't recover as much as they're forecast to. "And if they do, Alberta will be in an even stronger position,"

post-secondary students that their sector would take a massive cut, which would be the second in three years. In 2013, the Alison Redford government cut once-promised funding for universities, colleges and polytechnics by more than nine per cent.

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Premier Jim Prentice during taping of a speech that was televised to the province Tuesday evening. courtesy government of Alberta

Khadr's appeal taking too long, lawyer says

A lawyer for former Guantanamo Bay inmate Omar Khadr says his client's appeal in the United States is taking too long and he should be released on bail.

But the Canadian government maintains that letting Khadr out would undermine public confidence in the justice system, subvert international law and damage this country's relationship with the United States.

Lawyer Nathan Whitling told a bail hearing in Edmonton on Tuesday that his client should get bail, while he proceeds with appealing his war-crimes conviction before a United States military court.

He said the court has put the appeal on hold and might not make a decision before Khadr completes his sentence.

"We could all be retired by the time the appeal is done," Whitling told Justice June Ross of Court of Queen's Bench.

He said Khadr has a right to seek bail pending an apSENTENCE

Medium-security

Now 28, Omar Khadr is more than halfway through his sentence. He is a medium-security prisoner at Bowden Institution in central Alberta.

peal, just as other prisoners do in both Canada and the U.S.

"Mr. Khadr should not be treated differently.

Khadr pleaded guilty in 2010 to five war-crimes charges, including murder, for killing an American soldier in Afghanistan when he was

After spending nearly a decade in Guantanamo Bay, Khadr was sentenced by a U.S. military commission to an additional eight years and shipped to Canada.

He then said he only pleaded guilty to get out of Guantanamo.

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WILDLIFE THIS PANDA IS READY FOR HER CLOSE-UP Rina, the Edmonton Valley Zoo's newest addition to its red panda family, poses in her enclosure on Tuesday. Having recently arrived from Shizuoka Municipal Nihondaira Zoo in Japan, two-year-old Rina is one of three red pandas currently living in the Edmonton zoo. With an estimated population of fewer than 10,000 adult red pandas left in the wild, the species is considered endangered. The Edmonton Valley Zoo is part of a worldwide conservation effort to preserve red pandas. торнея seguin/For метко ін вымонтом

Harper introduces motion to expand fight against ISIL

Mission renewal to be debated this week

The plan to expand Canada's war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) into Syria hinges on the conviction that dictator Bashar Assad has lost control of the country, allowing extremists to pose a clear and direct threat to the international community, Stephen Harper said Tuesday.

But the question opposition parties were asking Tuesday was: What changed the prime minister's mind?

When Canada's combat mission first got underway almost six months ago, Harper ruled out the possibility of CF-18s attacking targets in Syria, which has been home to a bloody fouryear long civil war.

At that time, he said the military would have to seek the permission of the Assad gov-



Canadians did not invent the threat of jihadi terrorism, and we certainly did not invite it. Nor. as this global threat becomes ever more serious, can we protect our country or our communities by choosing to ignore it.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

But that changed Tuesday with the introduction of a proposed mission renewal, to be debated later this week, that would expand airstrikes into Syria and extend the mission by a year.

"As our allies have indicated, they are taking necessary and proportionate military action in Syria on the basis that the government of Syria is unwilling or unable to prevent ISIL from staging operations and conducting



Military planners will tell us that for a mission to succeed it must have two things. It must have a well-defined objective and a well-defined exit strategy. This mission has neither.

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair

attacks there," Harper said.

The effect of adding Syria to the target list has been to further unite political opposition at home - notably the Liberals, some of whom were uncomfortable with the decision to oppose the initial de-ployment in the face of blatant **ISIL** atrocities.

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Descendants of Richard III, Michael Ibsen, left, his brother Jeff, right, and Wendy Duldig place white roses on a coffin bearing the remains of Richard III. RUI VIEIRA/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Building a coffin for King Richard

HISTORY

Descendant of the long-dead monarch is a cabinetmaker

A Canadian-born cabinetmaker whose DNA helped identify the remains of King Richard III after they were excavated from under a British parking lot is now helping to ensure his famous ancestor has a resting place fit for royalty.

Michael Ibsen, 57, has personally designed and built the coffin in which the controversial 15th-century monarch will be reinterred later this week.

It was Ibsen's DNA that initially helped identify the bones unearthed by researchers at the University of Leicester in 2012. Ibsen, who is a 17th-generation descendant of Richard's older sister, Anne of York, agreed to allow his genetic profile to be compared with the historic skeleton.

Geneticists said Ibsen shares a rare strain of mitochondrial DNA with the remains, proving "beyond reasonable doubt" that the king's body had finally been found after centuries of speculation.

Ibsen said he had never built

a coffin over his 25-year career as a furniture maker, but said his personal ties to the oftmaligned monarch made this project feel very appropriate.

"It's sort of a unique privilege to be asked to do such a thing," Ibsen said in a telephone interview with The Canadian Press from Leicestershire, U.K. "It seemed sort of a logical thing to do. There's a certain symmetry to it."

Ibsen was approached to build the royal casket by officials at Leicester Cathedral, which will be Richard's official resting place after Thursday's ceremony.

Ibsen then undertook several weeks of research to ensure the design would live up to both practical and traditional requirements.

After consulting with a historian specializing in royal burial practices, he decided to build the casket out of both English oak and English yew.

The two types of wood are strong enough to contain both the 60-kilogram lead liner that will protect the king's corpse and the embroidered pall that will decorate the outside.

Just as importantly, Ibsen said, is the fact that both substances pay homage to aspects of British culture and Richard's own historical period. "English



Richard III

Thursday's interment ceremony will be a marked departure from Richard's first burial in 1485, which came at the end of a tumultuous, two-year reign. After his death, historians writing under the victorious Tudors comprehensively trashed Richard's reputation, accusing him of myriad crimes - most famously the murder of his two young nephews. His image was further tarnished in William Shakespeare's play Richard III, which depicts the last Plantagenet king as a bloodthirsty monster with physical deformities and equally flawed morals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

oak would have been used for a high-status coffin like this, but also oak is sort of imbedded in the English psyche as a traditional wood," he said. Yew was used for English longbows, and also it tends to be found in churchyards.'

Ibsen said the casket was cut to size of the vault. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Social media has gone beyond a sharing tool for teenagers — it's also become a way to manage reputations and make the right impression. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX



It was the day after a party when Marlisa first saw the video.

Recordings of the 17-year-old vomiting at a high-school party from January began circulating through Snapchat. Despite the fact the app is designed to erase messages, teens figured out ways to save photos.

Because she was drunk, the Halifax teen says she has little memory of what happened.

"I was like, 'Oh my God,' but I didn't feel bad because I was drunk, so like there's an excuse," she says. "Because I'm of the age of, like, this is what you would expect.'

Today, nearly 100 per cent of Grade 11 students have a Faability to manage their reputation — and each other's — leading to a culture in which teens are now policing teens, choosing when and if to capture and broadcast each other's youthful indiscretions.

A code among peers

When it comes to posting a photo of a peer, Halifax teens Morgan and Rachel have a checklist: first, are you friends with this person? And second, does the photo make them look good?

If the answer to either is "no," an unspoken courtesy exists to ask a person's permission first, a gesture both girls say they do and expect done in return.

In a recent study of more than 5,000 teens, nine out of 10 said they expect to be asked permission before someone posts their

pected to be permanent.

One of the drawbacks of connecting through digital technology is that it's always on. It's sort of like being at the mall 24 hours a day.

Matt Johnson, director of education at MediaSmarts

cebook account, according to a 2014 study by MediaSmarts, a group dedicated to researching digital literacy issues among young Canadians. Roughly 85 per cent of students own a cellphone. That puts at their fingertips the

photo online if it could be considered negative, says Matthew Johnson, director of education for MediaSmarts.

Teens are aware of the risks of sharing online material, Johnson says. He notes the exhaustive

lengths most teens undergo to customize their privacy settings and delete content to curate their accounts so as not to cause trouble with parents and maintain a "perfect" image to their peers.

Johnson says this is why apps that promise temporality like Snapchat in which photo and video messages

vanish after viewing them are soaring in popularity among teens because they are an "escape valve" from the demands of their self-surveillance.

"It removes that need to think very carefully about the impression that you're making. It lets you be casual in a way that you really can't with Facebook or Twitter where something is ex-

Teens and permanence

Digital permanence is the most difficult lesson for teens to learn in digital literacy, Johnson says.

"Obviously permanence is general and is a difficult idea for teens. It's not in their nature to see too far beyond the horizon."

He said most teens grasp the basics: online content can be viewed by unintended third parties and then copied and reproduced without their knowledge.

But the crux of the problem today is the 84% struggle to get teens to see long-term consequences of what they post online, not

In a 2014 MediaSmarts simply what their study of more than 5,000 Canadian teens, 84 per friends might think. Learning where to draw the line or what to share and cent said they with whom is all had at least one rule when it the harder to navicame to Internet gate for a generation access. whose communica-

tion also happens digitally, says Larry Borins, a teen clinical psychologist in Toronto.

"(Social media) is platform to get attention," Borins said. "It's a microphone — more like a megaphone. Anything that is expressed off-screen is just amplified on-screen."

'The past is the past, right?'

Laura pauses from sending a text to explain that as an exchange student from Colombia, she was advised to purge her online accounts of any inappropriate material before coming to Halifax.

"Here, you come to a host family. They don't know you. So they're going through your Facebook. You don't want them to see you drinking or partying or anything like that," Laura says. "If there's a picture of you drinking, you wouldn't want it on your Facebook because you could go home."

The table of four at this Halifax high school erupts in a round of "Oh yeah"s when I ask if they will be embarrassed by what they see of themselves online by the time they're my age.

'No regrets for that," says Pietro.

that 67 per cent of girls aged 15 to 17 are likely

to post pictures of themselves

or friends, compared to 48 per cent of

boys the same

"The past is the past, right?'

Borins is as stumped as other experts when it comes to whether young people can afford to make mistakes in an age when their actions can be recorded and shared virally and what that effect will have on them as adults.

"Adolescence is all

about learning from mistakes and taking risks," he says. "Teens are stepping out into the unknown and they're learning stuff about themselves through that process."

One possibility is young people may find themselves afraid to take as many risks — a hard but necessary reality he speculates will be required to meet the demands of an increasingly online world.

"Once it's printed, once it's out there, you can't retract it; you can't take it down," he says.

However, Johnson says that unlike in previous generations, teenagers' friends (along with their antics) are now colliding

with their family and employers as never before through social media, which could lead to a sort of normalization.

Having said that, his answer to resolving issues around online permanence is simple: better

education.

"As parents we have to recognize that teaching (teens) to curate their online identity is also teaching them to be able to hide things from us," he says, noting that's a natural part of adolescence.

"That's why it's so important at the same time as we teach them to man-

age their online privacy, we also make sure to respect their online privacy and reassure them that we have their back, rather than spying over their shoulder."

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PART II: Age of anxiety

With social media. teens are now taking experimentation with their identity online - spending hours editing and curating the perfect persona. Psychologist Larry Borins argues this is leading to an increasingly anxious generation.



Anti-terror bill hinders civil rights: Crit

Public safety committee still hearing witnesses

The federal government's omnibus security bill would hand extremists what they want by shackling civil liberties, a prominent aboriginal lawyer and

There is no way to fix the legislation, which "makes us all suspects," said Pamela Palmater, chair in indigenous governance at Toronto's Ryerson University.

"The terrorists will have won," Palmater said Tuesday during a meeting of the House of Commons public safety committee, which is hearing more than 50 witnesses on the bill.

"And what is terrorism? Fundamentally, it's the denial of life, liberty and security of the person. If Canada goes ahead and takes those rights away, terrorists just have to sit back: job done.'

The Conservatives brought in the 62-page bill following the murders of two Canadian soldiers just days apart last October by men whose motives were rooted in extremist thinking.

The legislation would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service the ability to actively disrupt terror plots, make it easier

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for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers, crack down on extremist propaganda and dismantle barriers to exchanging securityrelated information.

Neither the new disruptive powers nor the information-sharing provisions apply to "lawful" advocacy, protest and dissent, but some critics say these elements of the bill could be used against aboriginal and environmental activists who protest outside the

letter of the law.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay rejected Palmater's view.

"Doing nothing is making terrorism win, and so it's incumbent upon any government to protect its population and to take actions to do so," MacKay said after question period.

Intelligence historian Wesley Wark, who teaches at the University of Ottawa, said there are unanswered questions about the plan to give CSIS new disruption

The bill contemplates allowing the spy service to use clandestine methods to derail plots — from altering a website or cancelling an airline reservation or even more drastic actions.

CSIS already engages in some forms of disruption, but it's not clear if the spy service has implemented watchdog recommendations on using the tactic, Wark told the committee.

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U.S. Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman speaks at the Canadian American Business Council in Ottawa on Sept. 30, 2014. Heyman concludes the first year of his posting acutely aware that an oil pipeline has grabbed much of the attention in the Canada-U.S. relationship. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pipeline focus of U.S. ambassador's year

The U.S. ambassador to Canada concludes the first year of his posting acutely aware that a single irritant over an oil pipeline has grabbed so much of the attention in the Canada-U.S. relationship.

"I have noticed that. I definitely have," Bruce Heyman said in an interview this week during a trip to Washington, with his first year as ambassador drawing to a close.

Indeed, the irritant in question is so well known that Heyman doesn't even need to refer to Keystone XL by name: "I think the U.S. government is very aware of the Canadian position with regard to the pipeline."

Any doubt was extinguished early in his tenure. There was a testy exchange with former ambassador to Washington Frank McKenna at an initial public event in Ottawa. Meetings with Prime Minister Stephen Harper were rare.

Heyman is keen to accentuate the positive: shared international projects, like fighting ISIL and Ebola; last week's historic border agreement on pre-clearance; countless cultural exchanges; the world's biggest bilateral trading relationship.

He says he's getting a great reception across Canada and has been meeting with community leaders, business people, premiers and government officials in Ottawa.

"I can't be distracted by some of those things that are there. I have to just get up every day, doing the very best I can on behalf of our two countries," Heyman said Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS





BRAZEAU TRIAL

Crown's witness gets emotional as she defends her credibility

The defence team for suspended senator Patrick Brazeau challenged the credibility of his alleged victim Tuesday, zeroing in on specific details including her use of a fake passport to travel to

Attorney Gerard Larocque, who's defending Brazeau at

his trial for assault and sexual assault charges, also pressed the Crown's key witness on why she never told prosecutors, nor police, that she ripped off a necklace during the violent incident.

Earlier, the woman wiped away tears as she listened to her own panicked voice on emergency recordings that were played in court.

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A rescue helicopter flies over debris of a Germanwings passenger jet that crashed Tuesday in a remote section of the French Alps. The jet was carrying at least 150 people from Barcelona to

No survivors expected, as jet carrying 150 crashes in France

A schoolgirl lights a candle in front of the Joseph-Koenig

people on the Germanwings plane that crashed Tuesday.

Gymnasium in Haltern, western Germany Tuesday. Sixteen

students and two teachers from Haltern were among the 150

FLIGHT 9525

White House and airline say no sign of terrorism

A black box recovered from the scene and pulverized pieces of debris strewn across Alpine mountainsides held clues to what caused a budget airliner to take an unexplained eight-minute dive Tuesday midway through a flight from Spain to Germany, apparently killing all 150 people on board.

The Airbus A320 operated by Germanwings, a budget subsidiary of Lufthansa, was less than an hour from landing in Duesseldorf on a flight from Barcelona when it unexpectedly went into a rapid descent. The pilots sent out no distress call and had lost radio contact with their control centre, France's aviation authority said, deepening the mystery.

While investigators searched through debris from Flight 9525 on steep and desolate slopes, families across Europe reeled with shock and grief. Sobbing relatives at both airports were led away by airport workers and crisis counsellors.

"The site is a picture of horror. The grief of the families and friends is immeasurable," German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said after being flown over the crash scene. "We must now stand together. We are united in our great grief."

It took investigators hours to reach the site, led by mountain guides to the craggy ravine in the southern French Alps, not far from

MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS the Italian border and the French Riviera.

Video shot from a helicopter and aired by BFM TV showed rescuers walking in the crevices of a rocky mountainside scattered with plane

showed white flecks of debris across a mountain and larger airplane body sections with windows. A helicopter crew that landed briefly in the area saw no signs of life, French

"Everything is pulverized. The largest pieces of debris are the size of a small car. No one can access the site from told The Associated Press.

no sign that terrorism was involved, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged reporters not to speculate on



United in arief

A stunned German town mourned 16 students who went down aboard Germanwings Flight 9525 on their way home Tuesday from a Spanish exchange, while the opera world grieved for two singers who were returning from performing in Barcelona — one of them with her baby.

"This is surely the blackest day in the history of our town," a visibly shaken Mayor Bodo Klimpel said after the western town of Haltern was shocked by news that 16 students from the local high school and two of their teachers had been on the plane.

Some hugged and

cried in front of the Joseph Koenig High School, where the 10th graders had studied, and put candles on its steps. Others changed their Facebook cover photos to black, with the simple message "Haltern mourns; In memory of the victims of the March 24, 2015 plane

"You can feel a state of shock everywhere," Klimpel said at a hastily called press conference at city hall. "This is pretty much the worst thing you can im-

The town of 38,000 lies about 80 kilometres northeast of the plane's destination of Duesseldorf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The site is a picture of horror. The grief of the families and friends is immeasurable. We must now stand together. We are united in our great grief

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier

the ground," Gilbert Sauvan, president of the general council, Alpes-de-Haute-Provence, Photos of the crash site The White House and the airline chief said there was

"We still don't know much

beyond the bare information on the flight, and there should be no speculation on the cause of the crash," she said in Berlin. "All that will be investigated thoroughly." Lufthansa Vice-President

Heike Birlenbach told reporters in Barcelona that for now

'we say it is an accident."

The plane crashed at an altitude of about 2,000 metres at Meolans-Revels, near the popular ski resort of Pra Loup. The site is 700 kilometres south-southeast

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Thousands protest mob killing of Afghan woman

KABUL

Farkhunda was beaten, burned and thrown into river

Thousands marched through the Afghan capital Tuesday, demanding justice for a woman who was beaten to death by a mob after being falsely accused of burning a Qur'an.

Men and women of all ages carried banners bearing the bloodied face of Farkhunda, a 27-year-old religious scholar killed last week by the mob. Farkhunda, who went by one name like many Afghans, was beaten, run over with a car and burned before her body was thrown into the Kabul River.

Organizers of Tuesday's march — the second protest over the brutal slaying in as many days — estimated that up to 3,000 people took part, calling it one of the biggest demonstrations in Kabul's history. Marchers chanted "Justice for Farkhundal" and "Death to the killers!"

Amrullah Saleh, a political leader and former director of the intelligence service, the National Directorate of Security, said the demonstrators sought to make Farkhunda an icon of the struggle against "injustice, mob court, street violence, violence against women, lawlessness, extremism" and, especially the injustice suffered by women.

"She is an example of probably what has happened silently to many," Saleh said. "She drew a line with her



An Afghan woman with a painted face, evoking the blood of Farkhunda. SHAH MARAI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

blood between those who want justice, rule of law, and those who are extreme in their views and who breed in lawlessness."

The Interior Ministry said 28 people have been arrested and 13 police officers suspended as part of investigations.

Also, the spokesman for the Kabul police, Hashmat Stanikzai, was fired over comments he made on social media supporting Farkhunda's killers. Stanikzai could not be immediately reached for comment



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Amrullah Saleh, a political leader and former director of the National Directorate of Security

The demonstrators in Kabul called for action against officials and religious leaders who had initially said that Farkhunda's killing was justifiable if she had burned pages of a Qur'an, the Muslim holy book.

Among the crowd were prominent rights activists,

including Fatana Gailani, the head of the Afghanistan Women's Council, who said she hoped the incident would be a catalyst for change in a society traumatized by war, corruption and lack of leadership.

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"The new generation has known nothing but war; they

TALIBAN

The Taliban issued a statement on Tuesday, condemning the attack and calling it a conspiracy that uses "the name of the Qur'an to kill innocent civilians." It also extended condolences to Farkhunda's family.

are not educated," she said. President Ashraf Ghani

President Ashraf Ghani took office in September following a bitter election campaign during which he promised to champion women's constitutional rights, end corruption and bring peace.

Six months into his presidency, his Cabinet is not yet complete, economic growth is stalled after double digits in 2013, and the fight against the Taliban is in full force despite his efforts to open a dialogue with the insurgents.

Ghani's wife and First Lady Rula, a Christian of Lebanese background, has pushed for women's rights but has not yet spoken publicly about Farkhunda's killing — though she is believed to have visited the woman's family briefly before her funeral on Sunday.

Despite constitutional guarantees of equality and protection from violence, women in Afghanistan are still widely subject to violence, both privately and publicly.

Some activists say the killing has brought cohesion to civil society and unity to Afghans, appalled by the brutality of the attack.

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After 22 years in jail, woman speaks out

A woman who spent 22 years on death row in her son's killing tearfully described Tuesday how she suffered twin tragedies in losing her young child and being the victim of a "blatant miscarriage of justice."

Debra Milke spoke out at a news conference a day after her case was dismissed in the 1989 killing of her four-year-old son, who thought he was going to see Santa Claus when he was taken to the desert and shot in the back of the head. Her conviction was overturned by an appeals court that ruled her murder conviction was tainted because of the work of a discredited detective.

Milke, whose mother was a German who married a U.S. Air Force military policeman in Berlin in the 1960s, has drawn strong support from citizens of that nation and Switzerland, neither of which has the death penalty. Prosecutors insist that Milke had her son killed, but they lost their final appeal last week.

Artist and singer

Artist and singer dubbed Ambassadors of Conscience

Amnesty International awarded its top honour Tuesday to Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei, who has spent years shining light on his country's restrictive political atmosphere, and to U.S. folk singer Joan Baez for her civil-rights activism.

Both were named recipients of Amnesty's Ambassador of Conscience Award, which recognizes lifetime human-rights leadership.
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ISRAEL

Arab leaders reject Netanyahu's apology

Arab political leaders in Israel on Tuesday rejected Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's apology for comments he made in last week's national elections that offended members of the Arab community and said his words made him unsuitable to return for a third consecutive term on the job. The spat has touched on long-standing claims of discrimination by Israel's Arab minority, which makes up 20 per cent of the Jewish state,

and signalled that the rift will not be healed anytime soon. An Arab advocacy centre in Israel said the country's national elections brought an "unprecedented level of racist incitement."

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In the heat of a close race last week, Netanyahu posted a video on Facebook where he implored hard-line supporters to head to the polls, saying "left-wing organizations" were busing Arabs to the polls.

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WEST AFRICA

Ebola outbreak at age 1

It now sounds almost cliché to call the West African Ebola epidemic unprecedented. But nothing remotely like the outbreak has ever happened with this disease. Only science fiction writers contemplated Ebola on this scale.

That may well have contributed to the catastrophically slow response to the news—disclosed a year ago this week—that Ebola had erupted in Guinea, a country that had never before fought this foe.

Since then, 24,872 people in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia have contracted Ebola and 10,311 have died, figures released Tuesday by the World Health Organization suggest. Another three dozen cases have spilled over into Nigeria, Mali, Senegal, the United States, Spain and Britain.

The following are recollections and predictions from three people who have spent the past year battling Ebola:

Dr. Pierre Rollin, a veteran Ebola warrior with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control; Gary Kobinger, head of special pathogens at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory and Dr. Tim Jagatic, a Windsor, Ont., physician who works for Médecins Sans Frontières.

Paradoxically, some of the Ebola experts were slow to recognize the outbreak's cataclysmic potential. It looked to them like typical Ebola, in a new locale.

"The first wave in Guinea was still a normal outbreak.... (And) the first flare we had in Liberia was supposedly finished," said Rollin.

Kobinger said: "The entire first period of the outbreak — I'm talking about March, April and May — the first wave of cases peaked at about 30 cases. There was nothing out of the ordinary."

ordinary."
But Médecins Sans Frontières was concerned from the start. Their alarm was heightened when, within days, cases popped up in the Guinean capital, Conakry, 650 kilometres from where Ebola had first been spotted. Jagatic, who had never worked on Ebola, landed in Guinea a few days after the first positive test results came in. He thought the situation was bad news from the get-go.

"It was in a major city, with two million people, and this city had fairly low hygienic standards. A recipe for disaster."

The virus spread quickly into Liberia and then Sierra Leone. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Service bets fans will pay for early access

Would you pay to see some of the Internet's best video clips first? Vessel, a new service trying to change the way that short video pieces make money on the Internet and mobile devices, is betting on it.

Instead of free-for-all distribution supported solely by advertising, Vessel will charge \$3 per month for exclusive early access to clips of musicians, sporting events, comedians and many other forms of en-

tertainment not available on YouTube or any other digital video service for at least three days. CEO Jason Kilar, formerly head of Hulu Plus, believes Vessel's model will be able to pay video producers about \$50 per 1,000 views of their clips on the site. That compares with just \$2.20 per 1,000 views of ad-supported video at sites such as YouTube, Kilar says.

The extra money, in theory, will provide digital video producers with the means and incentive to create even better content that will prod more people to subscribe to Vessel. The same "virtuous cycle" has enabled Internet video service Netflix to finance more of its own original programming and pay more money to license compelling entertainment while its audience has nearly tripled to 57 million customers from 20 million in the past four years.

"We think this is going to be a really big deal, like the advent of cable and satellite television in the 1970s," Kilar, 43, says of Vessel.

Vessel so far has about 70,000 video clips separated into about 160 categories, including sports, comedy, music, video games and food. Many clips are free and supported by ads, just like most video on YouTube.

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Falling prices at the pumps last year, as seen at this Ontario gas station in December, played a big role in slowing Canada's annual inflation rate to 1.5 per cent in December compared with two per cent in November. DOUG IVES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Provinces feel effects ofoil drop

Ontario, B.C. could lead country in growth rate

Canadian households may save an average of \$800 at pumps in 2015 — but as much as \$600 of those savings will go to paying for the higher costs of imported consumer goods, TD Economics says in its latest forecast on the economy.

Overall, TD trimmed its outlook for the Canadian economy, as it predicted that lower prices for crude oil will take a bite out of corporate profits and business investment. That, in turn, will lead to lower consumer spending and a softer job market, according to the report released Tuesday.

On the plus side, a weaker Canadian dollar, and growth in the key U.S. export market, will help offset the negative effects of the collapse in crude.

'We anticipate that the Canadian economy will weather the current oil-price storm, with calm seas expected to follow the current choppy waters," said the report, written by economists Craig Alexander, Derek Burleton and Randall

TD estimates that the economy will expand by 1.9 per cent this year, down from 2.3 per cent in its earlier forecast.

"It's pretty close to the longrun average pace of growth we're going to see in the economy," Alexander, TD chief economist, said in an interview.

The oil price shock — crude prices are trading at less than half of last year's peak — will be seen in huge regional differences on the economy.

For the first time in more than a decade, Ontario could be the fastest-growing province in the country, Alexander said.

"It's a horse race between Ontario and B.C.," Alexander said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Bikini Village sold

Lingerie and swimwear retailer Boutique La Vie en Rose plans to expand Bikini Village stores across Canada and abroad after reaching an agreement to buy the insolvent bathingsuit chain. CEO Francois Roberge said he paid less than \$4 million for Bikini Village. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Should we bomb Syria and Iraq?

YES: Canada needs to deny ISIL a safe haven.

ISIL fighters are crossing the border into Syria from Iraq to avoid our bombs. Airstrikes against ISIL, Prime Minister Stephen Harper argues, will keep the terrorist group on the defensive and unable to organize attacks on Canadian soil. The terrorist group has named Canada and Canadians as targets, in addition to saying people should be killed for not following its interpretation of religion.

NO: ISIL has no proven ability to attack on Canadian soil.

Expanding the mission to Syria would only help President Bashar al-Assad's regime, which is accused of serious crimes against its own people. Instead, an effective public relations campaign would help counter the group's ideology. Previous occurrences, such as the attack on Parliament Hill, were committed by lone wolf, homegrown terrorists.

How climate change is like World of Warcraft

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Any military strategist, chess player or World of Warcraft gamer will tell you that winning isn't just about reacting to the situation at hand. If you really want to get ahead, you need to understand the big picture, have a strategy, and make each move with your end goal in mind.

Canada should battle climate change the same way.

Wherever humans adapt to climate change, we stand to do even more damage if we're not careful, according to a study published in the March issue of Nature Climate Change. Applying computer modelling to more than 40 years of climate data, the researchers found that in the U.K., the warming climate could supercharge

the country's agricultural potential.

Reaping these benefits without thought to their consequences, however, would have significant negative effects downstream — literally.

The increased amounts of fertilizer needed for this expanded agricultural output would impact water quality, potentially causing U.K. rivers and streams to become choked up with algae, killing off existing ecosystems, degrading water quality.

This scenario could easily apply to Canada. We have a similarly temperate climate and more than eight times the cultivated land of the U.K.

If we don't consider — and regulate — the environmental effects of expanding our agriculture, the negative effects of taking advantage of greater arable land in Canada could be equally magnified.

Agriculture isn't the only area where adaptations could

cause damage, say the authors. The same effect could happen in sectors including power, forestry and fisheries—all crucial components of Canada's economy.

If managed wisely, Canada's vast natural resources hold great opportunities to adapt to climate change. They also pose great risk if they're mismanaged. Biofuels — a "green" energy source that may do more harm than good — are a good example.

A 2014 report by the United Nations warned that growing crops for the production of biofuels drives up food prices by decreasing the availability of land available for food cultivation, puts pressure on the water supply, and still harms the environment with carbon emissions.

The Canadian Arctic is another area where we need to tread carefully. As the Arctic thaws, would expanding our development and agriculture there create greater prosperity? Possibly in the shortterm, but it also has the potential to damage one of the world's most fragile wildlife habitats.

To continue fighting climate change and adapt to the changes that are already happening, we need to shift our perspective profoundly, weighing the risks and benefits of each adaptation to make sure we're not trading one environmental disaster for another.

As the study's authors say: "Instead of waiting for ecosystems to be in danger and then trying to save them, we can anticipate a potential problem and do something about it before it becomes an actual threat."

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other Wednesday.

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"We may have reproductive freedom, but economic freedom?"

A freezer is a time machine, according to my parents. Cooked pasta, blocks of cheese — they've never met a food they won't freeze and expect to retrieve months later, unchanged.

It's the same logic driving a wave of women into fertility clinics to press "stop" on their biological clocks.

Elective egg freezing, once a fringe movement, is becoming mainstream. The U.S. company EggBanxx hosts "egg freezing parties." A Vancouver fertility clinic has seen the number of interested women triple in the last five years.

For a price of \$7,000 to \$11,000, plus extra for storage in a -197 C liquid-nitrogen filled tank that resembles a large soup pot, young women in cities across the country can freeze time for their eggs, like the stalled decay of dad's two-year-old chili.

I say that's fantastic. For the young and female who might want kids someday, 35 is the baby-making cliff, after which the chance of getting pregnant plummets. Egg-freezing gives you more time to get an education, find a partner and earn lots and lots of money.

Because if a woman wants to unfreeze and implant her egg — for another few thousand dollars — and then actually raise her child alone, she'd better be rich.

We may now have reproductive freedom, but economic freedom? Hardly.

Even for the relatively priv-

ileged pulling in \$80,000, like my friend, Sarah, let's call her.

Sarah spent \$11,000 to freeze her eggs because, like many others making the decision, she wants a child, but so far hasn't met the right partner. She didn't balk at the fertility costs. The number that finally got her was the cost of raising a kid in Toronto. Even with a great salary, she'd be left, she says, living in relative poverty. After rent and insurance, there' would be only a few hundred dollars left each month from her mat-leave pay to cover food, transit, diapers and whatever else a baby needs - and that assumes she would keep living in a onebedroom apartment.

Granted, Sarah lives in one of the country's most expensive cities. But increasingly, so do most of us. The cost of living in Vancouver or Calgary isn't cheap, either.

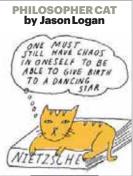
What's the good of reproductive freedom if you can't afford a child on your own? And what does it say about our cities if a generous \$80,000 isn't enough?

Fertility clinics catering to single, baby-wanting women aren't responsible, of course, for informing Sarah and others about the cost of the actual baby. But the clinics may need to find some extra storage to house those frozen vats of eggs, because more and more single women aren't going to admit reproductive defeat. Economic defeat may be another matter.



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Top plating trends for spring

Add flare to your dinner party with these tips from Canada's top chefs

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As the days get warmer, chefs are switching to fresher, lighter fare and designing plates to match. Metro talks to some of Canada's top chefs about on-trend plating for spring and how to copy their looks at home to impress dinner guests — no chef tweezers or ring moulds required.

"Let's be honest, we're slaves to Instagram," said Chef Brett Howson of Toronto's Parlor Foods & Co. Thanks to social media, presentation is more important than ever. "Flavour comes first, but we all know we eat with our

To create a lighter feel on the plate, chefs are plating along the sides or corner, or even plating on the rim. "It creates that negative space and lightens things up," said Chef Duncan Ly with Calgary's Kensington Riverside

Colour is another trend, say top chefs, as people long for the vibrant pop of spring. This is achieved through the use of petite vegetables such as baby radishes and heirloom carrots, as well as micro-greens, herbs, shoots, buds and edible

"As we move into spring, we want the plate to look light and have more height so that it has the appearance of sprouting and new beginnings

- because it's like a renewal in the spring," said Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro. But simplicity can still involve complexity. "You want it to be complex in flavour, but you want it to look effortless, she said. These days, even Michelin-starred

chefs are taking a simpler approach to food, said Chef Craig Flinn with Chives Canadian Bistro in Halifax. "There are a smaller number of elements on a plate," he said, "but they're per-

executed."

Flinn also suggested creating a more casual feel on the plate, but emphasizing elegance. "We're trying to get away from the plain white plate," he said. That means using different textures, such as wood, stone, tile and even handmade pottery.

"The trend is moving away from contrived-looking food to a more natural, free-flowing style of presentation," said Ly. "With farm-to-table being more trendy, we see more of that rustic-looking plate ware."

VANCOUVER Tall spirals

> Chilled risotto with truffles, shaved fennel, purple carrots and candycane beets for garnish, with a huckleberry peppercorn vinaigrette. Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro recommends using a spiralizer to create tall, spiral shapes that add height and dimension to a dish. She also recommends plating "off to the side," to create negative space. WITH FILES FROM THANDI FLETCHER/METRO VAN-



Plating is just a residual of people looking at food in more artistic ways, so you're using the same principle as a painting

Chef Vanessa Bourget with Vancouver's Exile Bistro





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Rustic elegance

Cauliflower curry with spicecrusted halloumi cheese and spring asparagus. "Whatever that food is resting on is a key, well-thought-out part of what you're experiencing - a beautiful, rustic slab of pine or oak that appears to be a charcuterie board ... It's rustic and sensual at the same time," said Chef Craig Flinn of Halifax's Chives Canadian Bistro. PHOTO: JEFF HARPER/METRO HALIFAX



Colour pop

Québécois cheval tartare with gherkins, shallots and Pommery mustard served on a piece of roasted bone marrow, cut canoe-style and served on a long, colourful platter. It's topped with chives, parsley, coriander stems, sorrel, capers, shallots, pickled red onions and house-made potato chips with a splash of Tabasco. "This is the 'I'm tired of the cold winter and ready for spring' version," said Chef Brett Howson of Toronto's Parlor Foods & Co. PHOTOS: LIZ BEDDALL/METRO TORONTO



CALGARY

Soup on the side

Garlic soup with crispy fried escargot, shaved radishes, micro-herbs and flowers, a fresh herb purée and a clam tuile (or clam cracker). A hot trend for spring is serving tableside sauces, broths and soups - an easy plating trend to copy at home. It allows you to "get that visual impact of the dish first before you pour the soup or sauce in," said Chef Duncan Ly with Calgary's Kensington Riverside Inn. WITH FILES FROM JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO CALGARY

Seasonal Canadian beer

LIQUID ASSETS Peter Rockwell ★ @therealwineguy

As bearded hipsters and the exploding population of beer nerds raise a glass to craft beer here in Canada, European innovative brews have been a part of the liquor landscape for centuries.

The trend by our local brewers to bottle seasonal offerings (those made to celebrate a certain time of year or with special ingredients) is a page ripped right out of the Euro brewmaster's handbook.

In Germany, winter can hang on as long it does here, so breweries have taken to creating variations on their famous Bock style of beer to match the season cycle.

Considered a strong lager, a Bock is generally malty, dark and boozy, which fits the winter months like a glove.

Though still high in alcohol (seven per cent), a Maibock is a golden interpretation with a softer, smoother mouth-feel to match with spring.

Holsten's Maibock (500 ml, \$2.50 - \$3.49) is actually made all year, with enough sweet maltiness to pair with ham,





- Head to a farmers market and pick up in-season vegetables like asparagus, fiddleheads and kale.
- Stay away from plain white plates; look for rustic, natural textures. Or go retro with grandma's old plates.
- Create negative space for visual impact by plating food in a "C" shape, in the corner or around the rim of the plate.
- · Try serving sauces and even starches on the side, for a more refined, elegant presentation.



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FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK THE CASE

Sriracha now a tourist destination

Theresa Albert

It took 50 years for spicy lover Sriracha to evolve from its humble beginnings in a kitchen in 1930s Thailand to an international hot sauce that only those who love Asian foods would know in the

But now, the heat is on everyone's lips. A recent food and travel report named San Francisco the top culinary destination for food lovers last fall, citing the city's love affair with Sriracha sauce as one of its star attractions. The sauce is being used not only as a condiment but also as a spicy, barbecue glaze for grilled meats,

particularly chicken.

The original special blend of peppers, vinegar, salt and sugar comes in a simple squeeze bottle with a rooster on it (commonly known as "cock sauce") and a green lid. It is a flavour that is unseating chipotle (even before everyone has stopped mispronouncing it as "chip-pole-tea").

Everything from potato chips to sandwiches now has the Sriracha (see-raw-cha) moniker — if not the flavour.

Pick it up at any grocer and use it in creative ways:

- A few squirts in spice bread, banana loaf or chocolate cake will add a je ne sais quoi
- Mix with cream cheese and top scrambled eggs
- In Bloody Caesar or Bloody Mary mixes
- · Add to lime peel and coarse salt and use as a rimmer for margaritas
- · Toss sliced apples into a teaspoon of sauce and slip into a grilled cheese
- Mix into melted butter and garlic and spread onto baguette for instant spicy garlic

Ugly Food finds beauty and savings in flaws

The imperfect produce craze may help to reduce waste

For anyone who's snapped an Instagram picture of a bowl of fruit (10 million photos prove people do) and admired its natural beauty and symmetry, take note: Don't judge a fruit by its skin.

The Ugly Food trend that emergeď in Europe to reduce food waste is taking off. And judging by the thousands of photos of misshapen apples, and mutant carrots hashtagged #UglyFood and #UglyFruit, people are discovering the unique visual beauty in imperfect produce.

A 2015 report estimates food waste globally may amount to as much as \$400 billion a year.

Some European supermarkets have joined the



People are discovering the beauty in imperfect produce. INSTAGRAM: @UGLYFRUITANDVEG

race against food waste in the form of smart marketing and repackaging campaigns. Among them are UK ASDA's Wonky Fruit and Vegetables,

Woolworth's Odd Bunch, and Intermarche in France selling Inglorious Fruits and Vegetables.

Closer to home, Loblaws

launched its Naturally Imperfect brand, selling ugly fruits and veggies for 30 per

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Jolie goes back under the knife

CANCER

Actress has preventive surgery to remove ovaries

Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie revealed Tuesday that she has undergone more preventive surgery, having her ovaries and fallopian tubes removed in hopes of reducing her risk of cancer.

Writing in the New York Times, the filmmaker and philanthropist said that a recent blood test showed a possible early sign of cancer. The news came as a blow to the star, as she has already had a double

"I went through what I imagine thousands of other women have felt," she wrote. "I told myself to stay calm, to be strong, and that I had no reason to think I wouldn't live to see my children grow up and to meet my grandchildren."

Jolie, 39, revealed two years ago that she carries a defective breast cancer gene that puts her at high risk of developing breast

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and ovarian cancer.

Her mother died of ovarian cancer, and her maternal grandmother also had ovarian cancer - strong evidence of an inherited, genetic risk that led the actress to have her healthy breasts removed to try to avoid the same fate.

The average woman has a 12 per cent risk of developing breast cancer sometime during

her life. Women who have inherited a faulty BRCA gene are about five times more likely to get breast cancer.

Jolie said that while having the gene mutation alone was not a reason to resort to surgery — other medical options were possible — her family history influenced her decision to have further surgery now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



YOUNG HOLLYWOOD

Biebs and Kendall the new Brat Pack?

Vogue has tasked veteran photographer Mario Testino with documenting what the magazine insists is the new Brat Pack: Justin Bieber, Kendall Jenner, Ansel Elgort, Gigi Hadid, and Hopper and Dylan Penn, the son and daughter of Sean Penn and Robin Wright — in their natural habitat, lounging around

a pool and pouting. And the group even gets a catchy new name that only makes them more insufferable: The Instagram Aristocracy. And if the photos of the kids aren't enough to make you want to

climb onto an ice floe, there are also some choice quotes displaying an im-

pressive lack of self-awareness, like when Bieber says he's been kind of on the low, just working on the new album" lately or how Jenner is "aware when I'm at the gym that I need to save some energy so I can do a 40yard dash" to avoid the paparazzi. NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

Kendall Jenner

The truth is out: **X-Files returns**



That's right, The X-Files is returning to TV, and with its creative team largely intact, too. Creator Chris Carter is on board, as are stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson.

> show's years off the air as a "13-year commercial break" and added: "The good news is

the world has only gotten that much stranger, a perfect time to tell these six stories.

Production starts this summer, but an air date has not been set yet. LISA WEIDENFELD/





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Bi-Weekly



Cuthbert finds her One Big Happy

TELEVISION

Actress dishes on working with Ellen

Lisa Weidenfeld Metro | New York City

Elisha Cuthbert has come a long way from staring down a cougar as Jack Bauer's oft-imperilled daughter on 24.

After a stint as the slightly daffy Alex Kerkovich on the much-loved but tragically cancelled Happy Endings, Cuthbert decided to stick with comedy, and found her way to One Big Happy. The show, produced by Ellen Degeneres, finds her playing Lizzy, a lesbian who decides to have a baby with her straight best friend Luke (Nick Zano) just as he marries Prudence (Kelly

What made you decide to move on to this show from Happy Endings?

I think I took the longest time

to get on something else. Everyone was so brilliant on that show that it was a weird thing where I didn't know what to do after that. I was a little bit shell-shocked.

But you knew you wanted to stick with comedy?

I just had so much fun on Happy Endings that I felt like this was the perfect transition for me, and to be in front of a live audience is mind-blowing.

What kind of feedback does Ellen provide?

Great notes. She comes and warms up the audience, which is terrifying, because then we have to follow the funniest human being. The best note she ever gave me was that we're really going to have to believe in this friendship between Luke and me, which, as far as Lizzy's concerned, is the most important relationship that she has. And Ellen was like, we have to believe that, and if we don't believe that in every scene, then we have



Elisha Cuthbert, left, is Lizzy, and Kelly Brook is Prudence in One Big Happy. CONTRIBUTED





Home Matters

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A big truck that's light on its feet





THE CHECKLIST 2015 FORD F-150

THE BASICS

Type. Two- or four-door fullsize pickup truck. Engines (hp/torque).

2.7-litre turbo V6 (325/375); 3.5-litre V6 (283/255); 3.5-litre turbo V6 (365/420); 5.0-litre V8 (385/387)

Transmissions.

6-speed automatic **Price.** \$24,899 (excluding destination)

COOL FEATURES

Available LED headlights, 360-degree camera, tailgate step, BoxLink cargo cleats, stowable loading ramps, side-mirror spotlights, self-parking system, and power-operated liftgate.



• The new 2.7-litre V6 includes auto start/stop, which shuts off the engine at idle and restarts automatically when needed, for maximum

It was named 2015 Truck of the Year by the Automobile Journalists of Canada (AJAC).

MARKET POSITION

The F-150 has been Canada's best-selling truck for 49 years. The aluminum body is a bit of a gamble, and Ford is working with the collision industry on the unique training and equipment needed

THE COMPETITION



Chevrolet Silverado Base price: \$27,000



Ram 1500



Toyota Tundra Base price: \$27,820

The all-new Ford F-150 is a lighter-weight knockout

McIntosh

It doesn't get much more offroad than this scene: I'm up to the middle of my winter tires in snow, climbing a steep path cut into the hill of a quarry.

It's part of an event Ford held recently in Quebec to demonstrate the overall ability of its all-new 2015 F-150 pickup truck.

The biggest news about the popular F-150 is Ford's weightsaving decision. By replacing the steel body with one made entirely from aluminum and using a more high-strength steel in the frame, Ford has changed its game entirely.

Weight loss can improve fuel economy and also the truck's overall capability, since the ratings include the weight of the truck, plus everything it's carrying and towing. By reducing the truck's weight you can essentially transfer that amount to the load. The new F-150's maximum payload is now 1,497 kg (3,300 lbs.), while top tow-

lbs.). Three engines are carried over from the 2014 model: a naturally aspirated 3.5-litre V6, turbocharged 3.5-litre Eco-Boost V6, and 5.0-litre V8. There's also an all-new turbocharged 2.7-litre EcoBoost V6 that does an excellent job.

The idea behind the turbo engines is that they provide biggerengine power when it's needed, but deliver smaller-engine fuel efficiency when not. That said, if you're the type who drives with your foot to the floor, or tow a great deal, you will probably use far more fuel than the published figures suggest.

I like how the F-150 drives: Even though it's a big truck, that weight loss and its smooth steering make it feel like it's smaller.

If there are any complaints, it's that the ride can get bouncy on rougher roads, and the interior, while much improved, isn't as notable as some of its competitors. However, the truck is impressive overall, whether tackling dry pavement, or the ice and snow of a rural Quebec road in winter. The pickup truck segment seldom sees a change as massive as the F-150's construction, but I think this model is going to remain as popular with buyers as it always has been.





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Sonic: Carbuying at top speed

TECHNOLOGY

Dealership wants buyers in and out in 45 minutes

AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz



Among all the retailing experiences out there, buying a new vehicle at a dealership remains a unique one.

You know the drill, and the steps, and all the dealership people you need to see as you progress through the deal.

Sometimes this process can take hours, especially on a busy day at the dealership.

A recent survey conducted by AutoTrader noted that customers seem happy enough as long as the whole thing doesn't take more than 1.5 hours.

The survey noted that once things hit the 2.5-hour mark, satisfaction with the car-buying process drops to "below average"



Millennial drivers are looking for a faster car-buying experience. ISTOCK

levels. Good to know, but doesn't that sound like an observation from Captain Obvious? Waiting longer than you think it should take, for anything, is never a good recipe for satisfaction.

A new brand of customers
— those tech-savvy millennials
— are particularly touchy about
waiting too long for their order to
be completed at the dealership.
These customers are used

to buying items online — and quickly. "Just a number of clicks, and there is your purchase the next day at your doorstep," says Chris Travel, of the marketing research and technology com-

THE FUTURE

Chris Travel of marketing research company MaritzCX notes that Canadian retailers are also obviously aware of our desire for a shortened buying experience, and are tweaking their processes to do so. However, a lot of the major innovation in the area is happening in the U.S., where large corporations, like Sonic, have the economies of scale and the appetite to invest in systems and cultures that will challenge the status quo.

pany, MaritzCX.

Based in Toronto, Travel keeps clients abreast of customer experience trends and ideas emanating from the automotive sector (on the automotive section of the CX Cafe blog), and he told us about a pilot project in the U.S. that aims to have car buyers in and out of the dealership in 45 minutes.

Sonic Automotive is one of the largest dealer groups in the U.S.

and owns the EchoPark brand. Travel said Sonic recently spent "two to three million" to design and build a new car buying system it hopes to roll out to all its EchoPark stores in the U.S.

The first store to run with it is EchoPark Toyota in Thorton Colo

Here's how EchoPark can sell you a vehicle, start to finish, in 45 minutes or less:

- One non-commissioned staff member, called a Guest Experience Guide, is your sole dealership contact for the whole process
- Vehicle prices are set, so no time is spent haggling and negotiating.
- As much as possible, vehicle selection, finance, and business office steps are completed on the guide's iPad, and much of that is possible through an increased acceptance of electronic signatures.
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Showroom

adopts boutique vibe

Wannabe electric sports carmaker Detroit Electric has designed its first flagship store, to open on the same site as the company's production facility in Leamington Spa in the U.K. It prominently features DE's SP:01 pure electric sports car, "soon" to begin production next door to the boutique showroom. Customers will be able to "build" their own SP:01 on large touch screen displays in the showroom to unique, bespoke specifications, before discussing their vehicles in detail with staff.



Toyota i-Road expands car-sharing program

The ultra compact, electric, three-wheeled Toyota i-Road begins service in a new car-sharing program in central Tokyo in April. The vehicle, which leans into corners like a motorcycle, is already part of a co-ordinated public transport service in Grenoble, France, and in Toyota City, Japan. The new trial, which runs until the end of September, sees the i-Road as part of a service that allows members to make use of a fleet of share-cars at any time of day. The focus is on the i-Road being used for trips to businesses, shops and sightseeing locations.



VIA MOTORS

Plug-in work vehicles double as mobile generators

Orem, Utah-based Via Motors, an assembler of plug-in hybrid pickups and delivery vans, is gearing up to sell 50,000 vehicles per year within three years, company chairman Bob Lutz told Bloomberg news service. Plug-in trucks cut fuel costs and provide electricity at remote locations for campers, catering companies, utilities and the military, said Lutz, acting as mobile generators. TEXT AND IMAGES BY WHEELBASE MEDIA







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Teaching an old car new tricks

APP TECHNOLOGY

CarVi device aims to help drivers avoid road hazards

CarVi is a device aiming to give young drivers the automotive equivalent of eyes in the back of their heads, while also offering their parents a little more peace of mind.

The problem that this new connected device wants to solve is as simple as it is widespread. Young, recently qualified drivers are the most likely to have an automobile accident — whether through driving too quickly or irresponsibly, or simply failing to notice another vehicle in a blind spot quickly enough.

Compounding matters is that young drivers are also the most likely to be driving around in an older car without the latest technological safety innovations.

CarVi — which this week



CarVi attaches to a car's windshield and scans the road for possible dangers. CARVI

hit its Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign goal of \$100,000 — will clamp to

a car windscreen and sync with a smartphone in order to help solve both elements of this problem.

It looks like a small robot vacuum cleaner but its cam-

CarVi is expected to cost about \$449 when it goes into mass production. Installation is straightforward: Affix it to the inside of the windshield; sync it with a smartphone; and then conduct a test-drive on a straight road to calibrate the camera.

era and sensor aren't looking for dust. Instead they're scanning the road ahead for potential vehicular hazards.

It will alert you if your lane discipline goes array or if the position of the car ahead could be a problem.

It also measures the distance between your car and the one ahead to make sure that the gap is big enough that in the event of an emergency stop it's your brakes — not the impact of another vehicle — that brings you to a complete stop.

As well as scanning for dangers on the road, CarVi is keeping an eye on its owner, looking for poor driving habits and trying to mitigate them

In this respect, the device

is similar to Automatic. It is a smart vehicle diagnosis system and driving instructor that plugs directly into a vehicle's diagnostics port and then links wirelessly with a smartphone via an app.

Automatic teaches you how to be a more patient, fuel-efficient driver and how to cut down on travelling time but also reports in plain English potential mechanical problems it identifies in the car and how to go about repairing them.

CarVi's makers seem pretty certain that the device will appeal to the parents of younger drivers and to the children of very elderly drivers as well, and it is priced accordingly.

AFP





The Harley-Davidson LiveWire. HARLEY-DAVIDSON

E-bikes are revvingup

TECHNOLOGY

Harley's LiveWire may give e-bikes the cool factor

A global interest in mobility solutions for increasingly congested and polluted urban areas is leading to greater sales of electric scooters and electric motorbikes, particularly in emerging markets.

According to the latest study published last week by Navigant Research, sales aren't about to explode, but interest and demand are stable and continuous.

Combined annual sales of e-bikes and e-scooters are expected to hit six million by 2024.

Considering that sales are forecast to hit 5.3 million over the course of 2015, the number isn't particularly

However, it indicates that even though electrically powered scooters and motorbikes are more expensive and limited in terms of range than gaspowered alternatives, they are starting to find a niche — that is getting bigger.

"Although purchase prices remain relatively high and the availability of vehicles is limited in some regions, e-motorcycles and e-scooters offer an affordable, efficient mode of personal transport for motorists, particularly in booming cities of the developing world," says Ryan Citron, research analyst with Navigant Research.

In 2015, a potential 4.1 million e-scooters will be sold, compared with 1.2 million



China is historically the world's biggest market for electric bikes, and, while demand in the country is beginning to diminish due to slowing economic growth, the growing demand from other nations is offsetting this drop.

e-motorbikes.

As well as being lighter and more affordable, electric scooters are also more widespread in terms of companies making them.

But we're just taking the initial steps towards serious electric motorbikes that offer the same performance and feeling as gas-powered bikes, and the few that are on the market such as Zero Bikes or the Lightning, or the upcoming Harley Davidson LiveWire, carry a hefty premium.

Still, a U.S.-built premium hog could stimulate demand for an electric motorbike in the U.S. and Europe in the same way that Tesla has made electric cars aspirational with the Model S.

Increased interest will lead to increased competition in the marketplace.

According to Navigant, this in turn could spur on innovation and breakthroughs necessary to make bikes more attractive to more people either through lower prices or better battery technology, enabling owners to travel faster and further between

Land Rover unveils Paul Smith Defender

To mark the iconic off-roader's final year of production, Land Rover has turned to the colourful British fashion designer Paul

The brand has given him a 2015 Defender, carte blanche in terms of styling, and full access to the company's new Special Vehicle Operations (SVO) division in order for the designer to build something truly unique.

The result, which can now be seen in the flesh at Smith's Mayfair shop, features 27 exterior colours plus hand-painted exterior detailing, while the interior is a mix of fabric and leather.

'I keep a Defender at my home in Italy which is in the middle of the countryside, so it's the perfect vehicle to cope with the rugged terrain," said Smith.

Smith says that his design and the final colour palette were inspired by the British countryside and by the British armed forces, the Defender's two natThe Defender is a

British icon, which is something I'm exceptionally proud of

Designer Paul Smith

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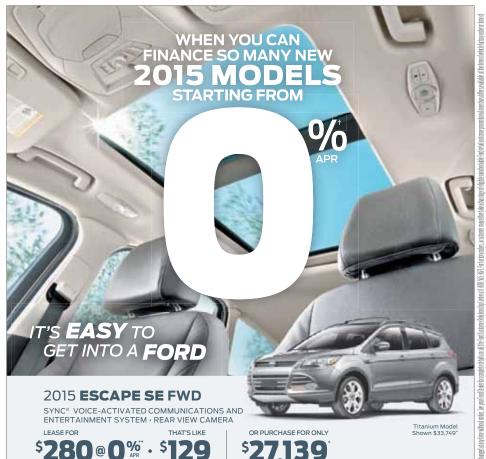
"I wanted deep, rich colours, but at the same time, I wanted

them to work together yet be surprising."

For instance, there is a handpainted bee motif on the roof.

"Another little tongue-incheek reference to the countryside and the heritage of the car, says Smith.

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Kings win rematch of **Cup final**

Marian Gaborik snapped a second-period tie, and Jonathan Quick shook off an opening-minute goal to lift the Los Angeles Kings to a 4-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Tuesday night in a rematch of last year's Stanley Cup final.

The Kings, fighting for a chance to defend their title, have won the first two games of a five-game trip on successive nights.

Los Angeles is tied in points with third-place Calgary in the Pacific Division, but the Flames hold the tiebreaker.

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The Rangers' Matt Hunwick, left, and the Kings' Jordan Nolan vie for the puck Tuesday. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Russell, Wideman are legit

Brian Costello

The Flames are on the verge of playing their first playoff game in six years. Five wins in their remaining nine games should do the trick. Six wins and it would be virtually guaranteed. Here are some thoughts as they make a charge.

• It's easy to watch Joe Colborne play and say, "Come on, Joe. Try harder. Dig deep. Bear down. Power your way to the net." His lanky body and wide skating stride make it appear as though his givea-darn meter is less than full bore. It's like that with players of his physique. But what Colborne has to do is find a way to make a tangible difference. Colborne's lengthy reach and deft puck-handling skills are on display just about every game as he circles the perimeter of the offensive zone. Just once, I'd like to see him drive to the net the way a power forward does. He needs to do something. Just one goal in 11 games. Just four goals and 13 points in 34 games since the calendar turned to 2015.

• One of Calgary's soft spots all season, say the crit-



Defenceman Kris Russell is enjoying a breakout season with a career high 30 points. GETTY IMAGES

ics, has been the lack of a second-pair defence duo behind Mark Giordano and T.J. Brodie. But has a breakout year from Kris Russell and a resurgent one from Dennis Wideman changed that? The job of an NHL defenceman has evolved in recent seasons to be more about speed, skills and smarts — and less about size and brawn. Would you really want bigger, slower stay-at-home types like Brooks Orpik or Matt Greene logging 20 minutes apiece per night while Russell and Wideman drop to the third pair

and play 12-15 minutes? Not me. Maybe Russell and Wideman are just perfect on the second pair in today's mobile NHL. And underrated David Schlemko is a keeper for the third pair.

• If the Flames could, they'd sign injured Giordano CORSI

Calgary doesn't generate the most shots on net in the league, but its Corsi shooting percentage is impressive. This is the percentage of shots directed at the opposition net (including shots blocked or wide) that become goals:

- 1. Tampa Bay, 4.98%
- 2. Colorado, 4.90%
- 3. N.Y. Rangers, 4.83% 6. Calgary, 4.38%
- 28. San Jose, 3.56%
- 29. Carolina, 3.26%
- 30. Arizona, 2.87

to an extension right now. But because the final year of his deal doesn't begin until July 1, they can't do anything until then. Expect the two sides to agree to a deal that pays him in the \$7-million neighborhood long before camp in September. There's just no way a deal doesn't get done.

• This Calgary lineup misses a player like Paul Byron. His speed, and reputation, stretches the opposing defence and creates more room for Flames blue-liners to lug the puck, which hasn't happened as much since his



Pistons take down Toronto

Raptors lose Lowry to back spasms in second quarter

NBA On Tuesday



Reggie Jackson had 28 points and nine assists and Andre Drummond added 21 points and 18 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons beat the Toronto Raptors 108-104 on Tuesday night.

Jackson and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope combined for 54 points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds in the game without committing a turnover.

DeMar DeRozan had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Raptors, who lost point guard Kyle Lowry to back spasms in the second quarter. Toronto came back from 15 down to take a 91-90 lead with 5:41 left, but Detroit scored the next seven points, including Caldwell-Pope's fifth three-pointer of the night.

Toronto, though, came back to tie the game at 99 on a Lou Williams three-pointer with 2:35 to play, and then took the lead on Patrick Patterson's threepoint play. Two Jackson free throws and a running hook by Tayshaun Prince made it 105-102 Pistons with a minute to play, and Williams missed a three-



The Raptors' Terrence Ross drives to the basket against the Pistons' Joel Anthony on Tuesday night in Auburn Hills.

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pointer with 1.6 seconds left to give Detroit the win.

The Raptors struggled badly on both ends of the floor in the first half, hitting just one of 10 three-point attempts while the Pistons were shooting 47.4 per cent from behind the arc and 48.9 overall. Caldwell-Pope had 18 points in 18 first-half minutes, including three threepointers, while Drummond had eight points and seven rebounds.

For the second time this season, Toronto fans outnumbered Pistons fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The crowd was so partisan this time that when national-anthem singer LaShell Renee's microphone cut out during the Canadian national anthem, she was able to let the crowd continue the song before joining back in at the start of the next line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



UFC star Lesnar commits his future to wrestling

Former UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar has ruled out a return to mixed martial arts, ending three years of speculation about the biggest pay-per-view star in the sport's history. Lesnar announced he had re-signed with the WWE in an interview on ESPN's SportsCenter on Tuesday. Lesnar said he was in training for a UFC return just last week but he finally decided to stick with professional wrestling only in the past two days. Lesnar says he turned down an offer worth "10 times" what he was making earlier in his MMA career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hunter homer helps Twins pip Blue Jays

MLB spring training





After Torii Hunter hit his first home run in a Minnesota Twins uniform since 2007, manager Paul Molitor greeted him in the dugout with a sly message.

"Remember how you did it," Molitor said after Hunter hit a three-run homer Tuesday in the Twins' 6-5 win over the Toronto Blue Jays.

The 39-year-old Hunter signed a one-year, \$10.5 million, one-year deal to return to the Twins, a team he left after the 2007 season.

Hunter had just two extrabase hits, a pair of doubles, through his first 25 at-bats before connecting on an 82 mph breaking ball.

"I know physically he feels really good," Molitor said. "It's always nice to click on one in spring training. He's a smart, intelligent guy who has an idea every time he goes up there what he's going to try to do. He saw that and he reacted very nicely."

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RECIPE Potato Corn Chowder

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Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes

Directions

- 1. Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and set over medium heat. Sauté the corn for about 8 minutes, stirring often until lightly browned. Purée half of the corn in a small food processor. Combine the puréed corn with the whole corn in a small bowl and set aside.
- 2. Add the oil to a large, nonstick pot and set over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté for about 4 minutes. Add the red pepper and sauté for another 2 minutes. Add the potato, stock, chili sauce and corn mixture. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and simmer, covered, for about 15 minutes or until the potato is tender.
- 3. Whisk together the flour and milk in a small bowl and gradually add to the soup. Add the salt and pepper. Simmer, stirring occasionally for 3 minutes or until slightly thickened and heated through. Serve in bowls, and garnish with parsley.

Ingredients

- · 2 cups corn niblets (canned or fresh)
- 1 1/2 tsp vegetable oil



- •1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic • 1/2 cup chopped
- red bell pepper
- •1 cup peeled and diced potato
- 2 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 tsp hot chili sauce (or finely chopped jalapeño pepper)
- · 2 tsp all-purpose flour
- •1 cup canned evaporated milk (2%)
- · pinch of salt and pepper
- · 3 tbsp chopped parsley

Nutrition

- Calories 211
- Protein 10 g
- · Carbohydrates 35 g
- Fibre 3.9 g
- Total fat 3.7 g
- · Saturated fat 0.9 g
- · Cholesterol 5 mg
- Sodium 565 mg

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20 You feel you could take on the world and win but Saturn warns there are a number of duties and responsibilities you must deal with before you are free to express yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 Venus in your sign makes the world look a kinder place, but don't be fooled. Your attitude to those around you may have softened but you still need to take care.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 Something will take you by surprise today and you have only yourself to blame. The signs have been there for some time and you should have seen it coming.

Cancer June 22 - July 23 As Saturn links with the Sun today your natural caution will work in your favour. While others are bigging it up and throwing their money around you will be quietly making plans.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 You will solve a riddle that has been bugging you for ages - and will kick yourself when you realize just how simple the answer is. You may experience many such moments over the next few days

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Something will happen over the next 24 hours that gives you the opportunity to show how tough you are. Make sure people know you should never be taken for granted.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 One of the things you are good at is inspiring people to improve themselves and over the next few days you will help at least one friend do more and do better. Good on you.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 You will be tempted to make a major decision today, even though you don't yet know all the facts. Your impatience could pay off or it could land you in deep water. Be careful.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Someone you live or work with will get the wrong end of the stick today and blame you for something that is not your fault. By all means clear your name but don't hold it against them. Everyone makes mistakes

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Venus in your fellow Earth sign of Taurus makes it much easier to express your feelings. Just be careful you don't become infatuated. Your passion could cause problems.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 You may be in a fun-loving mood but you also have serious things to consider, things that must be dealt with now. Focus all your attention and energy on them today.

√ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You will reach an important decision concerning your career over the next 24 hours and although not everyone will agree with the route you choose you know it is the right one for you.

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